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REMARKS

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1. Two busses carrying about 50 officers arrived at the kaserne north of the BERNAU (N 53/Z 96) gas works on 23 September 1949, coming from the direction of EBERS-WALDE (N 53/V 08). The officers, second lieutenants to majors, belonged to various branches of service and had light baggage with them. The busses had [REDACTED]

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2. a. Numerous groups of three or four soldiers led by officers arrived in BERNAU on the city railway from the direction of BERLIN between 21 and 26 September 1949. All officers wore new uniforms. The soldiers, who had baggage with them, were picked up by trucks and taken to the kaserne.

b. Six trucks, each occupied by about 30 troops, and two passenger cars occupied by officers arrived at the BERNAU kaserne in the afternoon of 5 October 1949. The soldiers were armed with carbines and submachine guns and appeared to have had a long ride.

c. About 80 soldiers boarded the city railway in BERNAU and left for BERLIN on 7 and 8 October 1949. Each group of soldiers, who carried much baggage, was accompanied by two officers. The observed AM were between 22 and 26 years of age.

3. a. A rear detail of about 150 troops was the only unit in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Adelsweissstrasse, BERNAU, in late October 1949. They did cleaning-up work.

b. Four 76.2-mm AT guns had been standing in the kaserne yard since early October 1949.

c. A two-axle armored reconnaissance car, armed with a 20-mm machine gun in the turret was in front of the kaserne.

4. a. It was observed in early September 1949 that the BERNAU troops had left for the TEMPLIN (N 54/U 31) area.

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b. Three German construction firms were restoring the damaged buildings of the Kaserne on Stelweissstrasse.

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